



Pen used for Kellogg-Briand Pact



US & Azeri students doing DVC diplomacy



Exhibition Hall design concept



Hostage blindfold from Tehran

## UNITED STATES DIPLOMACY CENTER

The United States Diplomacy Center is dedicated to telling the story of American diplomacy and the Department of State through interactive exhibits and education programs.

**Exhibits** United States Diplomacy Center (USDC) permanent and traveling exhibits display America's diplomatic heritage and reveal its impact on our nation, past and present. *The Great Seal of the United States* celebrates 225 years of history and use of the symbol of our country. *The Marshall Plan: The Vision of a Family of Nations* tells how diplomacy helped transform Europe after World War II. *After 9/11: Messages from the World and Images of Ground Zero* displays artifacts and messages sent to US missions in the wake of September 11, 2001. More than 300 historic objects are currently on display in the Department's first floor Exhibit Hall. USDC exhibits travel nationally and internationally and are available for view and download from our website at <http://diplomacy.state.gov>

**Collections** The United States Diplomacy Center collects and preserves artifacts that tell the story of those who serve by promoting peace, security and prosperity at missions around the world. From antique pens to early computers and modern Blackberries, USDC artifacts chronicle how diplomacy has changed to meet the times. Historic passports and gifts from world leaders reflect America's striving to connect with partners for peaceful settlement to global conflicts and challenges. Artifacts underscore how diplomacy is an active, often dangerous undertaking performed by real people.

**Education Programs and Conferences** Through engaging simulations, digital video conferences, training and lesson plans, the USDC instructs the next generation on the world of diplomacy. Working together, US and foreign students learn about diplomacy by grappling with real global issues such as the crisis in Darfur and the spread of HIV/AIDS. The USDC draws on State Department experts and builds partnerships with schools and organizations to leverage resources. USDC conferences also bring students, scholars and practitioners together to discuss issues and prepare future leaders for tomorrow's global challenges.

**Services to Missions and Bureaus** The United States Diplomacy Center can assist with advice about preserving and displaying important artifacts and mounting Embassy or Department sponsored exhibitions. USDC education staff can help link foreign and American students for International Education Week or other occasions. We would like to hear about artifacts and materials that you believe exemplify the history and practice of American diplomacy that may be available for display by the USDC.

**Plans for the Future** The USDC is developing a state-of-the-art visitor center and exhibition hall to be located at the Department's Harry S Truman Building. The Center will welcome visitors to the Department and tell the story of American diplomacy through interactive displays, compelling artifacts and lively education programs.